GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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PANCHAYATI RAJ TRAINING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that due to inadequate number of Panchayati Raj training centres, the State Governments are facing hardship in imparting training to the newly elected members of the local self Governments;

(b) if so/ the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether help of Non-Governmental Organisations would be taken in imparting training to the newly elected members; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj extends assistance to States in meeting the challenge of imparting training to all the elected representatives and official functionaries in an effective, time-bound and economical fashion. Currently, the Ministry provides assistance to 28 State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs) and 88 Extension Training Centres (ETCs) engaged in imparting training to the elected representatives and officials in the States for meeting partially their requirement of recurring and non-recurring expenditure. The State Governments are also encouraged to use all available infrastructure, including network with NGOs and other institutions for training. State Governments`are expected to work towards upgradation of quality of training centres at the District, Block and village level with a view to meet the requirements of the concerned State relating to training of Panchayati Raj representatives. Ministry of Panchayati Raj also provides financial assistance for Research studies to the NGOs/Research Institutions.

(c) & (d) The seventh Round Table of Ministers in charge of Panchayati Raj examined in detail all aspects of the question of training and drew up by consensus a set of 27 action points relating to `Capacity Building and Training`.The 27 points may be perused at the Annex.